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15 a first portion connecting between at least a portion of said shoulder and said outwardly extending portion, for providing support to said device on said desired article, wherein a user of said device can reversibly attach different items to said device by inserting for each of said different items an attachment in said aperture provided in said outwardly extending portion.

2. The device as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising a washer that fits over said post for securing said device to said desired article, said article selected from the group consisting of a garment, a belt, a purse, and luggage.

3. The device of Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are threadedly connected to each other.

4. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post has only one aperture therethrough.

5. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said at least one aperture is a double counter sunk hole.

6. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are connected to each other at a 90 degree angle.

7. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are connected to each other with a ball and socket connection.

8. The device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said post and shoulder are integral with each other.

Please amended Claim 9 as follows:

9. The device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said shoulder has a cavity provided therein which permits said shoulder to fit over a button included as part of said desired article.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A device for attaching one or more items thereto, comprising:

an extended post having a length and at least one aperture running transversely of said length;

5 a shoulder having first and second surfaces, and being operatively connected to said post, wherein said post includes a portion that extends outwardly from at least said first surface and said aperture is on said outwardly extending portion of said post;

a contact portion for contacting the desired article for thereby supporting said device on said desired article, said contact portion including at least part of said first  
10 surface for contacting said desired article when said device is supported on said desired article, and wherein said desired article supports said device by requiring one of (a) and (b) following hold:

(a) said contact portion includes a portion of said length extending through said desired article wherein said desired article supports said device regardless of an  
15 orientation of said desired article about said length, and

(b) said contact portion includes at least a portion of said second surface such that a portion of the desired article is provided between said portion of said first surface and said portion of said second surface for securing said device to the desired article, wherein said first and second surfaces confront one another;

20 wherein a user can reversibly attach different items to said device by inserting for each of said different items a corresponding attachment in said aperture.

11. The device of Claim 10, wherein said contact portion includes a portion of said length extending through said desired article wherein said article supports said device regardless of an orientation of said desired article about said length.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

12. The device of Claim 10, wherein said contact portion includes said portion of said second surface such that a portion of desired article is provided between said portion of said first surface and said portion of said second surface for securing said device to the desired article, wherein said first and second surfaces confront one another.

13. The device of Claim 10, wherein said desired article includes one of: a garment, a belt, a purse, and luggage.

14. The device of Claim 10, wherein there is a closed edge surrounding said first surface, and at least a majority of said edge contacts said desired article when said desired article supports said device.

15. The device of Claim 10, wherein the desired article includes one of: jeans, a pair of pants, and an overall.

16. The device of Claim 1, wherein said article includes a flexible portion that is adapted to conform to the user's body.

17. The device of Claim 1, wherein said article includes at least one extent that is greater than a largest extent of said shoulder.

18. The device of Claim 1, wherein said first portion includes an extent of said post extending through said desired article such that said device is supported on said

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desired article independently of a orientation of said extent of said post relative to said desired article.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

19. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the desired article includes one of: jeans, a pair of pants, and an overall.

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Claims 20-22 have been added.

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20. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said first portion is used to support said device on said desired article.

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21. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein said desired article is portable with the user and includes at least a portion which conforms to a part of the user's body contacting said desired article.

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22. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein said first and second surfaces are spaced apart an effective amount for securing said device to a portion of a desired article provided between said first and second surfaces.